

September 11, 2020

Freedom of Information Act Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Via FOIAOnline

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am submitting a request for records within the possession of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") relating to the Peck Iron and Metal Company ("Peck Iron") Superfund Site located at 3850 Elm Avenue in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Peck Iron operated in several cities in Virginia, including Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Richmond. The company purchased, processed, and sold scrap materials from the federal government and private companies. It also engaged in ship-breaking activities for the federal government.

The time period of interest is ca. 1945 – present. Documents of interest would include, *but not be limited to*, site inspections, complaints, investigations, reports, or other materials which discuss company operations and environmental issues or contamination. Though my primary focus is on the Portsmouth location, I request that documents relating to Peck Iron's other sites be reviewed in case they reference operations at Portsmouth.

Please note that Peck Iron may have conducted business or held contracts through company divisions, subsidiaries, affiliated companies, or successor names that should be consulted as part of this request. Associated names include:

- Peck Recycling
- Peck Equipment Company
- Peck Hydrometallurgical
- The Peck Company
- Commonwealth Metals

I will pay any reasonable fee provided for in the FOIA and associated with reproducing the requested records; however, if the costs exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) please contact me with an estimate prior to incurring such costs.

If, for any reason, any portion of this request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial, in writing, together with the name and address of the person or body of whom to direct an appeal.

Thank you in advance for your courtesies in this regard. Should you have any questions or concerns related to this request, please contact me at (202) 394-9473 or via email at andrew.simpson@fticonsulting.com.

Sincerely,

Andrew Simpson